

**CHAPTER 377****(House Bill 108)**

AN ACT concerning

**Small Group Health Insurance Market - Professional Employer  
Organizations - Repeal of Termination Date**

FOR the purpose of repealing a certain termination date for a provision of law that makes the provisions of the Maryland Health Insurance Reform Act applicable to certain professional employer organizations.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Insurance

Section 15-1201(f) and (m) and 15-1212(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 420 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997

Section 3

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Insurance**

15-1201.

(f) (1) "Health benefit plan" means:

(i) a policy or certificate for hospital or medical benefits;

(ii) a nonprofit health service plan; or

(iii) a health maintenance organization subscriber or group master contract.

(2) "Health benefit plan" includes a policy or certificate for hospital or medical benefits that covers residents of this State who are eligible employees and that is issued through:

(i) a multiple employer trust or association located in this State or another state; or

(ii) a professional employer organization, coemployer, or other organization located in this State or another state that engages in employee leasing.

(3) "Health benefit plan" does not include:

(i) accident-only insurance;